

## Lesson 21: Socializing with Colleagues

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### 1. Dialogue

*First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.*

It's Friday night. Hitomi and her colleagues are having some food and drinks at a nearby restaurant. Hitomi is taking this opportunity to get to know her colleagues better. She's only been working at Star Laboratories for a week.

Hitomi: Hi! We haven't met but I've seen you in one of the labs. I'm Hitomi, Dr. McCoy's assistant.

Charles: Hello, Hitomi. (shakes hands) I'm Charles Xavier. Are you having fun?

Hitomi: I'm having a great time. What is it that you're working on in your lab?

Charles: I'm trying to harness solar energy through green algae. It's still at its infancy stage and I'm not supposed to talk about it yet.

Hitomi: Don't feel obliged to tell me. But that sounds very promising.

Charles: Thanks for the encouragement.

Hitomi: Your name really sounds familiar. Did you, by any chance, write a paper about using grass as biofuel?

Charles: Why, yes, I did! (laughs) I'm surprised that someone has read my work.

Hitomi: Could you excuse me for a while? I'll just say hi to the other researchers. I have only seen them at work but I've never actually talked to them.

Charles: Allow me to introduce you.

### 2. Today's Phrase

*First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.*

1. Do you happen to have a red pen, **by any chance**?
2. Did you, **by any chance**, notice a black Mercedes Benz pass by?
3. Is Arya Stark, **by any chance**, related to Tony Stark?

\* **by any chance** / ひょっとして、もしかして

### 3. Your Task

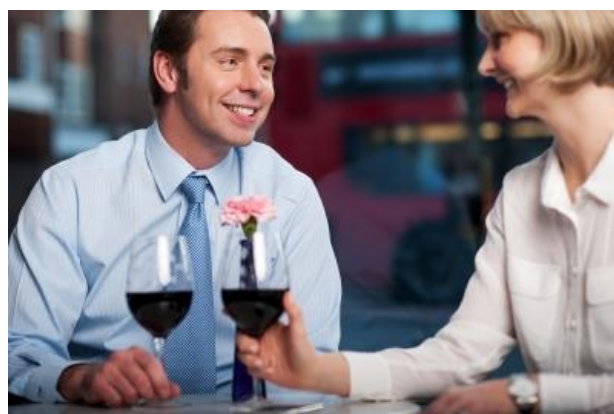
*You have just moved to a new city because of your job. It's the weekend and you've just bumped into a co-worker while looking around at a food festival. Approach your colleague and make a casual introduction. Mention that you've seen him/her around the office. Make small talk and then say a proper farewell.*

### 4. Let's Talk

*Are you good at socializing with colleagues? Why do you say so?*

*What are the benefits of socializing?*

*Is drinking a good way to socialize with colleagues? Explain your answer.*



### 5. Today's photo

*Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.*

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